

CONSTITUTION

The Arc of Katy

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Arc of Katy.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

SECTION I: The purposes of this Organization are:

1. To promote and advocate for the general welfare of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)
2. To foster the development of programs for individuals with IDD.
3. To support research related to intellectual and developmental disabilities.
4. To provide support and serve as a resource for parents, families, caretakers, organizations and other interested parties of individuals with IDD.
5. To develop a better community and public understanding of the issues and capabilities of individuals with IDD.
6. To work in collaboration with public and private agencies, religious groups, and professional organizations and the community in the furtherance of programs and services for individuals with IDD.
7. To associate with and support the State and National organizations of the corporations to benefit individuals with IDD.
8. To solicit and receive funds for the accomplishment of the mission and goals of the organization.

SECTION II: This Organization is a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian organization. No part of any earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, and no officer or director of the Association shall receive any compensation for his services as an officer or director.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be to open all people sympathetic to the purposes of the Organization.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The business of the Organization shall be directed and governed by an elected Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

The officers shall be president, president elect, immediate past president, secretary, and treasurer. All officers shall be members of the Board of Directors. No employee of the Association may serve as an officer, director, committee member or delegate.

ARTICLE V: AREA OF SERVICE

The primary area of service of the Organization includes Fort Bend, Harris and Waller counties.

ARTICLE VI: CORPORATE STANDING

This Organization shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the applicable laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

In the event the Organization is dissolved as a corporation within the State of Texas, and ceases to exist for the stated purposes, such certification and dissolution shall be filed with the Secretary of State, according to the statutes of the state for the dissolving of non-profit corporations, and all property and assets shall revert to The Arc of Texas or to an agency serving persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities which has been granted exemption from Federal Income Tax under the provisions of 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or to the state or federal government for exclusively public purposes.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended with an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the general membership present at a meeting called for the purpose. The proposed amendment shall have been certified by the Board of Directors of the local Organization.

It shall then be presented in writing to the general membership three (3) weeks prior to the meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors at the March 19, 2019 Board of Directors meeting.

Fred Shafer

President of the Board of Directors

Donna Bode

Secretary of the Board of Directors